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First Named Inventor	COVARRUBIAS 3
Art Unit	1731
Examiner Name	Chin, Peter
Attorney Docket Number	3597-118-01

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